

Central Business District
Architectural Review Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2017

Location: City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, 8th Floor Homeland Security Conference Room, New Orleans, LA, 70112

Called to order: 9:30 a.m.

Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.

Members Present: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Members arriving after beginning of the meeting:

Members absent: James Amdal, Ashley King

I. AGENDA

1. Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Brooks Graham

Second: Elliott Perkins

Result: Passed

In favor: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

2. 1131 Tchoupitoulas St.

Application: Alyce Deshotels, applicant; Royce I Jr Ehret, owner; Review massing and material changes on previously approved mixed use building.

Motion: Lee Ledbetter made a motion to defer this application for additional review. The ARC agreed that the building should be detailed as a three story building and the materials should be integrated throughout the structure.

Second: Brooks Graham

Result: Passed

In Favor: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

3. 818 Howard Ave.

Application: Kyle Hymel, applicant; 818 Howard LLC, owner; Renovate existing building and penthouse addition.

Motion: Elliott Perkins made a motion to to defer this application for additional review and to get comments from the SHPO before moving forward. The ARC noted that the use of the existing parapet as the sill of the storefront windows was not appropriate, the rooftop addition should be relocated behind the parapet wall. The ARC further recommended that the penthouse roof overhang should not extend past the edge of the existing wall. The location and massing of the rear addition needs to be further studied in relationship to the proposed and existing openings.

Second: Lee Ledbetter

Result: Passed

In Favor: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

4. 333 St Charles Ave.

Application: Peter Spera III, applicant; Sunstone St. Charles, LLC, owner; Install up lighting on the exterior of a Landmark building.

Motion: Elliott Perkins made a motion to to defer this application for additional review. The ARC agreed that the concept of uplighting the building is appropriate, but the overall lighting scheme needs further refinement. The lighting should be considered as a whole to enhance the building's composition and architectural details. Lighting only the verticals on the building gives it a stark appearance that is not true to its highly decorative character; illuminating other important architectural features, such as the "temple" at the top of the building, would better complement the structure. It is not necessary to install additional fixtures halfway up the building to provide an even wash on the verticals. The placement of the fixtures should relate to the façade composition. Additionally, the lighting should be studied from multiple viewpoints to determine the best lighting scheme. If the building is visible from multiple angles, it may make sense to continue the lighting around the corners.

Second: Brooks Graham

Result: Passed

In Favor: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

5. 846 Baronne St.

Application: Rachel Rodrigue, applicant; Howard And Baronne Jb, owner; Installation of glass guardrail along the parapet of an existing 4 story building.

Motion: Lee Ledbetter made a motion to defer this application for additional review. The ARC was concerned this would set a precedent in the district, and agreed that the railing should be pulled away from the edge of the parapet.

Second: Brooks Graham made a motion to defer this application for additional review. The ARC was concerned this would set a precedent in the district, and agreed that the railing should be pulled away from the edge of the parapet.

Result: Passed

In Favor: Elliott Perkins, Brooks Graham, Lee Ledbetter

Opposed:

Comments:

There being no other business to attend to, the ARC meeting was adjourned.

